

## WASTE WEIR COMPLETED

And the Reservoir Bank Road is Again Open to Traffic—Creditable Piece of Work!

John I. Miller, superintendent of public works, together with W. H. Weyrich, the constructing engineer, and Contractor E. K. Hibbs were here Friday inspecting the new concrete waste weir which has just been completed at a cost of \$13,000 to the State.

They tested out the waste gates and found everything up to the required specifications. The work was completed in a satisfactory manner and this wonderful piece of engineering in ghas also been finished in due time considering the fact that Contractor Hibbs had to contend with six continuous weeks of zero weather. Credit is due alike to Engineer Weyrich and Contractor Hibbs who carried out the difficult work so satisfactorily, also to John Francis and Frank Farley, who superintended the construction of the gate house, bridge and conduits.

The road was opened to the public on Monday. Nothing but light vehicles, however, will be allowed to pass before the middle of March in order to give the arches and concrete plenty of time to set.

Detailed description of the new \$13,000 waste weir located in the west bank at the head of Beaver, including gate house and conduits, together with the concrete bridge, have been given so often as not to require repetition. Suffice it to say State Engineer Farley deems it one of the finest pieces of work he has ever planned and in keeping with the improvements that are being made on an extensive scale in connection with the park improvements in the Grand Reservoir.

The new west side waste weir has been constructed as a measure of overflow regulation in time of high waters, the overflow to be discharged into Beaver by means of the four big sewers over which has been constructed the bridge connecting the divided bank.

## SEVENTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

Of Ladies' Auxiliary, K. of St. J., One of Most Notable and Brilliant in Its History.

The seventeenth anniversary of the institution of the local order Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John, was celebrated with a sumptuous three-course banquet at their hall last Monday evening. The hall was beautifully decorated in honor of Washington's birthday, with flags and cherry trees made by the skilled hands of the decorating committee while the stars and stripes and many hatchets decorated the walls surrounding and draping the pictures of George and Martha Washington.

After the guests had assembled they were ushered into the banquet room by Yale and Blanche Meyer costumed as George and Martha Washington.

The tables were resplendent with red and green candles and little cherry trees in the center, with place cards and souvenirs of hatchets.

Presiding at the banquet table as toastmistress was Miss Tillie Sacher, who in a forthright and eloquent way introduced those on the program. Many were the congratulations she received upon her witty and timely introductions. Mrs. Mary Wesker, president of the Auxiliary, in a happy vein welcomed the guests and bid them to feast in honor of the Auxiliary and at the same time honor that noble statesman, whom we are all pleased to term the Father of Our Country, George Washington. The entire program went off without a hitch and the three hundred banqueters enjoyed themselves hugely.

### DOGS LOCATE ALLEGED MURDERER

The Leo Schunck blood hounds were called to Bradner, near Bowling Green, last Friday night, to help run down the murderers of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Kimble, well known and highly respected aged residents of that community. The dogs took up a trail at the Kimble home and followed it a couple of miles to a horse and buggy, the property of John Willey, the husband of a grand daughter of the aged couple. He was arrested and although he stoutly denies any knowledge of the crime, the officers believe the dogs ran down the right party and are holding him on some pretty strong evidence.

### LATE ARRIVALS

County Auditor and Mrs. J. F. Steinbrunner, East Livingston street, are the proud parents of a baby boy, born last Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Afton, West Fulton street, are the parents of a baby girl born last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Berger, North Sugar street, are the proud parents of a baby girl born last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Brandon, East Anthony street, are the happy parents of a baby boy, the first born, which arrived in the Brandon household last Saturday morning.

## PIQUA KNIGHTS EASY PICKING

The Mercelina LaMosaunts defeated the Knights of St. John team of Piqua, at the Park Auditorium last night by the top-sided score of 50 to 13.

The LaMosaunts passed the ball a great deal, keeping their opponents bewildered at all times. At no time did the game grow interesting. Scouting, the local center, started things a minute after the call, with a nice field basket. The locals kept busy the first half and shut out the Piqua aggregation by the score of 20 to 0.

In the second half the visitors found the south basket more to their liking and managed to secure thirteen tallies, while the local lads rolled up 30 more points. Hoyng took the place of Pulekamp at forward in the second half.

### PERSONAL

Miss Clara Emison, of Fostoria, is a guest at the Mrs. Harmon Pulekamp home.

Miss Eleanor Barenbrugge, of Dun Kirk, Ind., visited this week with Miss Agnes Hendricks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McGee were at Cincinnati this week attending a convention of hardware dealers.

Attorney and Mrs. Vincent H. Beckman, of Cincinnati, were the Sunday guests of relatives here.

Mrs. J. A. Schirack, of St. Henry, is ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. P. Schunck, North Sugar street.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Philley and their daughter, Miss Helen, were called to Chermusco, Ind., last Monday by the death of the former's brother-in-law, Dr. F. M. Magers.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kelsey, of St. Marys, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Brandon, coming over particularly to see their new granddaughter. Mrs. Kelsey remained for the week.

Mrs. Barbara Stizman is home from Dayton, where for the past several weeks she has been assisting in the care of Mrs. T. W. Tompson. Mrs. Tompson has almost completely recovered from her recent operation.

Rev. F. G. Reitz, pastor of the Lutheran Churches in this city and in Hopewell township, and his family are home from an extended visit at Columbia City, Ind., where Rev. Reitz was taking a vacation and having his eyes treated. His eyes are much improved.

## ST. HENRY

The valentine party at the home of Dr. Bonvillian last Sunday evening was a very enjoyable affair.

Miss Leona Beckman, of Celina, was visiting her parents, Postmaster and Mrs. H. A. Beckman, Sunday.

Jos. J. Romer is still on the sick list. A trained nurse is in attendance. Six of the children are also suffering from the grip.

Chas. Luettmner, a traveling salesman of Cincinnati, was stricken with rheumatism at the hotel here last Saturday. Albert Bruns accompanied him home Monday.

A crowd of young people enjoyed a euchre party at the home of Frank Bruns and wife last Sunday evening.

Fred Tobie was at Hamilton the first of the week attending the funeral of an uncle.

Albert Stein, of Celina, has taken charge of the Albert Sunderhaus barbershop here. He is a young husband and learned the trade in the John Wenning shop at Celina. Mr. Sunderhaus has moved to Coldwater to take charge of the shop he recently purchased there from John Mescher. He will supervise the work in both places.

Mr. and Mrs. Silvester Gebele, formerly of this place, but who have been living at Coldwater for the past few years, have returned here and will occupy the W. W. Wagner property in the west end of town.

Miss Alma Bruns and sister, Mrs. Frank Benke, of Celina, were the Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bruns.

Wm. Lacy, of Sheridan, Mich., a former resident of Franklin township, was in town for a brief time the first of the week. He and his wife were called here by the death of Mrs. Anna Andrew, the venerable mother of Mrs. Lacy, who passed away last week at a ripe old age.

## TEN TIMES WORSE THAN SALOONS

[Cleveland Plain Dealer, February 16.]

Charging that pool rooms of Cleveland have graduated more thieves and loafers than any other institution Chief of Police W. S. Rowe appeared before the council committee on judiciary at a public meeting yesterday to urge that pool room proprietors be required to close their places at 10 each evening instead of midnight as proposed in the pending ordinance.

While the chief flayed the pool room as an institution, many pool room proprietors sat by and heated debates took place.

"The pool room is ten times worse than the saloon," said the chief, "and yet the saloon is required to close at midnight. All persons who play pool are not crooks, but all crooks play pool. These rooms are the meeting places of petty thieves and the hangouts of loafers."

"Mothers are calling me up constantly to complain concerning pool rooms. They say they do not see their boys because they are loafing all hours of the night."

## THE GRIM REAPER

Callor Lee, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bowser, West Livingston street, died last Monday evening, following an illness which dated from the babe's birth, two weeks ago. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning.

John C. Preston, aged 37 years, died last Tuesday night at the home of his father, Ex-Infirmiry Director George Preston, at Montezuma, following a lingering illness of Bright's disease.

Deceased was born in Franklin township and spent his entire life in the county. He is survived by his wife and his parents.

Funeral services will be held from the Methodist Church at Montezuma, this afternoon, under the auspices of the Celina Lodge Fraternal Order of Eagles, of which he was a member. The Eagles will meet at their hall at 12:30 today and proceed in machines to Montezuma. The remains will be interred at the Ellis cemetery.

Katherine Elizabeth, the seven-months-old baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Trace Bailey, West Livingston street, died Wednesday morning following a three weeks illness of pneumonia.

The remains of Mrs. Elizabeth Seymour, who died at the home of her sister, at New Holland on the 10th, were brought to Montezuma, last Friday and removed to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Andrew Ritchie, near there.

Deceased was born near Mendon seventy-six years ago, and lived in the county until the death of her husband, a number of years ago.

Funeral services were held at the Disciple Church at Montezuma last Sunday afternoon, with Rev. Grubb officiating. Interment at the Burdge cemetery.

Mrs. Leon Pond, aged 19 years, died last Tuesday noon at her home at West Milton. Deceased was a sister of Mrs. Harry Schlosser, of this city, and the remains were brought to this city for interment. Funeral services will be held this morning at the Lutheran church. Interment at North Grove cemetery.

Contractor T. A. Martin of the firm of Martin & Stewart, the people putting in the sewerage system, was called to Kennington, Pa., last Saturday by the critical illness of his mother, Peter Christopher, one of the bosses on the work here, accompanied him. Mr. Martin stated before leaving that work on the sewerage system would begin just as soon as he returned.

### A Public-Spirited Citizen

The pupils at teachers of the Rockford public schools were made happy last Thursday afternoon when Mr. Branson McChristy presented each with two fine apples. Mr. McChristy gave a short talk to the pupils of the upper grades and the High School. He contrasted the educational advantages which the boys and girls of today have with those which he had sixty-three years ago. His description of the old log school house was quite interesting. Mr. McChristy remembers the names of his school mates of his first school.

Owning \$50,000 worth of taxable property in Dublin township, Mr. McChristy emphasizes the fact that the he had never refused to support any public improvement that has ever been made in Rockford. He won a hearty round of applause when he informed the boys and girls that he would strongly favor a modern High School building for Rockford. —Rockford Press.

Mrs. Amanda Long, of Lake City, Mich., was in town the first of the week on her way home from a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gales, residing west of this city.

### HENRY COUNTY MUDDLE

At the November election Henry county decided to combine the offices of Common Pleas and Probate Judge and reduce expense. One of the candidates, Attorney Prentiss, republican, made his campaign on the promise that if he was elected, he would only accept a salary of \$3,000, and take care of all the work of both offices. Prentiss further promised that if elected he would reduce the number and salary of Court house deputies and other expenses. He defeated ex-Senator Dittmer. He brought against Prentiss on the ground that he had no right under the law to make a promise to accept less than the salary allowed by law, and that when he made such promise he in manner and effect bribed the voters of Henry county.

The case is now before the Supreme court of Ohio. The result will be waited for with interest. Henry is the only county that has combined the two Courts, in Ohio.

### SHERMAN SAID IT

On and after March 1st, Canadian money will only be accepted by the local banks at a discount of 20 per cent on silver and 10 per cent on currency.

Not much Canadian money of large denominations is in circulation in this section but there are many quarters and half-dollars.

Better make it a point to see that you get Uncle Sam money, as after the first Canadian quarters will be worth but 20 cents and half-dollars worth but 40 cents.

The heavy war debt contracted by the British Government is given as the cause of this action.

## MASS MEETING OF TEMPERANCE ARMY

A mass meeting of temperance forces will be held in this city next Saturday, the 27th, when plans will be instituted for the coming dry campaign. Dr. E. H. Curtis will be present.

### HIGHT BRIDGE CREW OFF TO MAD RIVER

Harry Hight and his crew of bridge builders including Wm. and Cal Coate, Eph Riffe, Albert Swark, Willis Pifer and Frank Crouch, left last Monday for Champaign county to put in some new bridges over Mad river, near Urbana. Chapman Bros. of this city, are dredging Mad river and their work also consisted in replacing several old bridges, which work they turned over to Mr. Hight.

### LOCAL GOSSIP

Contractors Geo. Heffner and son, Ralph, are at Chicago, Ill., this week attending a cement show.

John J. Gast attended the Ohio Retail Clothing Merchants convention at Columbus this week.

Frank Laudahn, residing near Idlewild, moved his household goods this week to near Monroeville, Ind., where he will work a farm.

J. A. Roemer last Saturday purchased the Jos. Vonderhorst bungalow, on East Wayne street, and will move into his new home on March 1.

Orville Grant had a couple of fingers of his left hand badly mashed last Saturday morning. He was cutting fodder when he accidentally caught the hand in the cogs of the machine.

A small blaze at the George Petrie home on East Fulton street, gave the fire ladders a run last Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Petrie had extinguished the blaze before the department arrived.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellis and children were called to Greenfield, Wednesday morning, by the sudden death of Mrs. Ellis' father, J. H. Wicksham, which occurred Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Miller, of Hudson, Mich., were the first of the week guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hartzell.

Mrs. James B. Dugan, of Kenton, visited Judge and Mrs. P. F. Dugan the first of the week.

Joe Yancy, who for several months has conducted the restaurant in the old Hinders place, South Main street, last Monday sold the business to Wm. Berger, a Celina boy, who for several years past has been working at Lima.

Dr. L. D. Brumm is again ill at his home on West Market street. The doctor had just recovered from a several weeks' illness, and was taken down suddenly on last Saturday, an abscess having formed under his left arm.

Fred Smith and family are moving from the Jason Frysinger property on Cron street into the John Schlosser property, corner Wayne and Sugar streets. Mr. Frysinger, who recently sold his farm implements and stock will move to town and occupy his own property.

## CHANGES IN MANAGEMENT

J. A. Long Co. Result in Return of Headington and Tranter of Moore to Cleveland.

S. J. Moore, who for the past several years has been manager of the Celina branch of the J. A. Long & Company's packing houses, has been transferred to Cleveland, to fill the position of head selling agent for the company. His new duties will begin the first of next month, and his family will follow him to the Sixth City in the near future.

J. E. Headington, who was transferred from this city to Portland, Ind., by the company, when Mr. Moore took over the management here, will return to this city, to assume the management of the Celina branch.

## LET DOWN BARS TO THE PIE COUNTER

As It May Save Rest of Democratic Laws Passed by Eightieth Assembly.

The Democratic minorities in the Eighty-first general assembly are now considering a plan of proposal to the Republican majorities which will give to the administration its desire in the matter of job-holding and patronage, and at the same time save thousands of dollars of useless expense to the tax payers of Ohio and prevent the amendment or destruction of the good Democratic laws now on the statute books as the work of the Eightieth assembly.

In the failure to amend the Cox Workmen's Compensation act and the rejection of the initiated measure, as well as in the failure to pass the bill to repeal the Cox Indeterminate Sentence law when first called for hearing, is seen the lack of Republican unanimity in the matter of destruction. Democratic members of the general assembly see every day, however, that every political or plan pointing toward getting Republicans in office, is met with enthusiasm. So that now it appears that it would be the part of wisdom in the Democrats, whose sole desire is the protection of the Democratic laws of the last administration, to assist the Republicans in throwing down all the bars that lead to the patronage pasture. Inasmuch as office and patronage is the heartbalm the Republicans seek, the legislature, which has been in session for six weeks at a daily cost of between three and four thousand dollars, could then adjourn as a matter of economy.

## DAN CUPID'S VICTIMS

Guy Betz and Miss Godlie Lacy, well known people of Washington township, were united in marriage in this city on the 11th. Rev. Koenig, of the Evangelical Church officiating. They left after the ceremony for a honeymoon trip through Michigan and upon their return they will locate in Washington township.

Fred Brehm, of Chattanooga, and Miss Leota Kanorr, of Durbin, were united in marriage on the 11th at the Lutheran Church parsonage in Washington township, Rev. Brobst, officiating.

The couple were attended by Chas. Kanorr, a brother of the bride, and Miss Pearl Waltman, of Coldwater.

Following the ceremony, which occurred at two o'clock, the bride's parents, at Durbin, where a sumptuous six o'clock dinner was served. Mr. and Mrs. Brehm will reside on a farm near Chattanooga.

The two-story frame dwelling owned by Mrs. Nellie French, at Mercer, and occupied by her son, Harry and his family, was completely destroyed by fire last Sunday evening. The flames are supposed to have originated from a defective flue. All the household goods on the second floor were consumed. The loss is only partly covered by insurance.

From the mildness of the weather we are led to doubt whether the dear old Standard really saw its shadow on ground hog day. Is it possible it was just standing in its own glimmer? Then again the astute editor may have seen something as it peered over the wilds of the celebrated cut at the foot of Main street.

Chas. Regedanz, of Rockford, Route 3, was in town Tuesday, on his way to Cincinnati. He made this office a brief call before leaving, ordering The Democrat to his address and another for his neighbor, John Becher.

### SOON BACK ON JOB

Editor A. C. F. Gilberg, of the Observer has turned the paper over to his two younger sons, Bronsart and Fred. Both young men have been associated with their father in the business. The senior Gilberg will engage in no business for the present, other than lending his sons a helping hand until they are properly started.

### ANOTHER UNFORTUNATE

Mary Lamond, of Mendon, was adjudged insane by Drs. Langel, of this city, and Fishbaugh, of Mendon, at an inquest before Probate Judge Naudabaugh last Tuesday morning. She was taken to the state hospital at Toledo by Sheriff Pamphrey and his wife Tuesday.

### RANDOLPH'S GHOST STILL WALKS

Attorneys J. D. Johnson, J. W. Loe and P. E. Kenney were at Lima, last Monday re-arguing the Randolph slave cases before the Court of Appeals. The case was presented to the Appellate Court last May, but owing to the illness and death of Judge Donnelly a decision was not rendered by the court. The case was presented to the court for the second time so that the new Appellate Judge, Timothy Ansberry, could acquire the facts set out in the appeal.

### CHURCHES GAIN 763,078 IN ONE YEAR

Number of members in denominations having upward of 1,000,000 communicants in the United States:

Churches	No Members
Catholic	13,794,637
Methodist Episcopal	3,663,265
Methodist Episcopal South	2,005,707
Southern Baptist	2,592,217
National Baptist (colored)	2,018,866
Presbyterian, Northern	1,442,498
Disciples of Christ	1,363,163
Northern Baptist	1,238,323
Protestant Episcopal	1,015,238

New York, Feb. 12.—Church membership in the United States increased 763,078 net in 1914. All the losses due to death, expulsion and withdrawal were made up and that number of new communicants was added to the total on record for 1913.

This is an average increase of 2 per cent for all bodies, great and small, Christian and non-Christian. Statistical tables prepared by Dr. H. K. Carroll and issued by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America show in detail the gains and losses of the year.

The grand total of members is now 38,708,144. All the larger denominations share in the increase. Baptists gained 122,125. Eastern Orthodox churches, 36,500; Roman Catholic church, 136,850; the Lutherans, 56,248; the German Evangelical Synod, representing the State Church of Prussia, 29,315; the Methodists, 231,460; the Presbyterians, 56,019, and the Protestant Episcopal church, 28,641.

The Protestant Episcopal church crossed the million line having gained 86,468 since 1910, and over 200,000 since 1900.

The Roman Catholic church has gained nearly 1,250,000 since 1910 and more than 5,500,000 since 1900.

The grand total of communicants for 1913 was swelled by an abnormal increase reported by the Catholic church. A great body of Ruthenian Catholics, not included in the returns of the previous years, were put into the tables, and this made the gains appear much larger than they really were, for the Ruthenians have been coming to the United States for years. A round 500,000 was added for them last year.

## MONTEZUMA

Mrs. P. V. Kocher is on the sick list. Wm. Kittle spent Sunday with Jos. Barker.

The evangelistic meetings are still progressing with five in addition. Mrs. Marion Kittle and daughter, Thelma, were visitors in this village Sunday.

Mrs. Philip Yancy, of Coopersville, Mich., is spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Eli Willis.

John Preston, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Preston, a well known cement contractor, died at the home of his parents Wednesday morning of a complication of diseases.

Mrs. Amanda Cochran has returned to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Collins, after spending a few weeks with her daughter at Dayton.

Mrs. Thomas Vorhes, of Geneva, Ind., Mrs. Wm. Lloyd, of West Liberty, Ind.; Ed Deyo and family, and James Deyo and wife, of edkey, Ind.; Sam Reason and family, of Chattanooga, attended the funeral of Mrs. J. L. Swartz, Sunday.

The body of Mrs. Ervin Seymour, who died at Washington C. H., arrived by way of the C. & H. D. Friday and was taken to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Andy Ritchie. The funeral took place from the Church of Christ Sunday. Interment in the Burdge cemetery.

## HAND WRITING ON THE WALL

Noted Writer Admits He Is Not a Prohibitor, but Knows What's Goin' to Happen.

[By Herbert Quick]

Twenty years ago the liquor interests had in the drinking population of the nation a great army of voting troops, unanimously opposed to prohibition.

But now—"If you leave it to booze-fighters," said a drinking acquaintance of mine, the other day, "every state in the union will be dry in two years."

There is so much truth in this statement that it explains the on-ward sweep of the dry armies.

The liquor interests have lost their troops. Their consumers may stand at the bars with their feet on the brass rails and drink but on the corner they argue for prohibition. Men sit dreadingly about tables with cocktails before them and hope the next election will go dry.

Twenty years ago the drinking man able to make a good speech went to the hustings when the prohibition fight was on, and spoke for "personal liberty" as a matter of duty. I'm not swearing—I'm quoting him.

A friend of mine a retired army officer, is very fond of his toddy, and a trained judge of all kinds of alcoholic beverages. I saw him recently, a few months after his state went dry. I asked how he felt. "Fine!" said he. "And by the way, I haven't had a drink for six weeks."

"How on earth do you endure it!" I exclaimed. "Why," said he, "I endure it as a babe endures his mother's milk. I don't miss it any more and I sleep, eat and work with great comfort to myself. I don't care how dry the state gets!"

This change in the attitude of our drinking population is nothing short of revolutionary. First people came to know that drinking is no necessary part of manhood. Abstinence did not make of a man a milkop. Then it dawned upon the average drinker that when he went without liquor he was just as well as when he drank. Then he discovered that on the whole he was better. Then the doctors found out that they could get along without alcohol in their practice. Then corporations and other great employers of labor discovered that the man who abstains is a better workman than the one who drinks. And all the while it was dawning on the drinking good fellows that money in their own banks is more useful than when in the account of the brewer or saloonkeeper.

For fifty years the facts have been piled up which condemn liquor, and the gloomy thing about the situation from the viewpoint of the booze business is that the facts are as well known to the drinkers as anyone else.

Even the Russian masses asked the czar to take away their vodka, and are now glad he did so. Millions of American vodka-fighters feel the same way. That's why the weather department is safe keeping nailed to the mast the flag denoting dry weather.

The troops of King Alcohol have gone over to the enemy.

No, I am not a prohibitionist—I am an observer. One of my specialties is the reading of the handwriting on the wall. There's an ocean of significant chiropgraphy on the wall just now.

## IN PROBATE COURT

Will of John H. Manning filed for probate. For hearing February 24. In the matter of the estate of Henry Krugman, administrator filed sale bill. Final account filed. For hearing February 27.